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TAGS CASC (BROWN, LEROY)

SUBJ SEARCH AND RESCUE: LEROY BROWN

REF STATE 240601

1. CONSULAR OFFICER SPOKE WITH CPL MAKSYMCHUK, ONTARIO
PROVINCIAL POLICE, CENTRAL PATRICIA WHO STATES LITTLE
LIKELIHOOD EITHER MAN ALIVE. BOTH PRESUMED DROWNED.
2. (FYI: NOTWITHSTANDING STATEMENTS OF FAMILY, ACCORDING OTHER
AMCIT HUNTERS IN VICINITY AT TIME, BROWN INEXPERIENCED
AND AWKWARD.)
3. CANOE FOUND OVERTURNED. ACCORDING OPP BECAUSE OF EXTREME
COLD WATER EXPERIENCED HUNTERS WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT
RETRIEVE GEAR AND WEAPONS BUT WOULD GET OUT OF WATER
FAST BEFORE FREEZE TO DEATH.
4. ONE LIFE JACKET FOUND FLOATING NEAR CANOE. OTHER
FOUND PARTIALLY BURNED AT CAMP SITE INDICATING THEY
SET OUT WITH ONLY ONE LIFE JACKET BETWEEN THEM.
5. EACH HAD MATCHES IN WATERPROOF CONTAINER. IF THEY
HAD MADE SHORE THEY WOULD HAVE STARTED FIRE, SMOKE WOULD
HAVE BEEN SEEN. ENTIRE AREA, ISLANDS AND SHORELINE
SCOUTED FROM AIR AND BY FOOT WITHOUT SUCCESS. NO EVIDENCE
OF CAMPFIRE, ETC.

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6. SEARCH NOW CALLED OFF BECAUSE LAKE FROZEN OVER AND

TERRAIN NOW INACCESSIBLE.

7. CENTRAL PATRICIA APPROXIMATELY 450 MILES NE WINNIPEG
AND LAKE UPPER WINDEGO, WHERE MISHAP OCCURRED, 140 MILES
NORTH OF CENTRAL PATRICIA.

8. IF CONGRESSMAN RIEGLE OR FAMILY DESIRE DIRECT CONTACT
WITH OPP, TELEPHONE NUMBER IS CENTRAL PATRICIA 2211 AND
CAN BE REACHED THROUGH TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT PICKLE CROW,
ONTARIO. ROEDER

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